

Iron County Register.

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The Jackson Cash-Book takes exceptions to an item we published two weeks since setting forth the fact that Senator Vest is the biggest man Missouri has to put in the United States Senate. The C-B. hints that there are plenty of other Romans as noble as the Senator, but it prudently calls no names.

Patsy Early, the murderer of Billy Louderman in St. Louis last summer, killed himself last Monday. While taking his customary daily exercise in the afternoon, he walked quietly to the top gallery on the west side of the prison, and climbing over the iron railing placed there to prevent accidents, he poised his body for a moment, and then dived to his death on the stone floor twenty-three feet beneath. He was killed almost instantly.

The steamer Cimbric, of the Hamburg-American Line, which left the port of Hamburg on Thursday with 380 passengers, mostly emigrants from Eastern Prussia and a crew of 110 persons, was run into off Borkum early Friday morning by the steamer Sultan, and sank in a few moments. A boat containing thirty-nine survivors arrived at Cuxhaven, another with seventeen passengers reached the West light-house and still another landed eleven more persons, making sixty-seven survivors in all at last accounts. This leaves more than 300 individuals to have perished in the waves. In this number there were six Chippewa Indians who had been on exhibition in Berlin, and who had engaged passage by an earlier steamer, which, however, they were obliged to forego, owing to the sickness of one of their party.

The ku-klux have broken out in Carter county again. The narrative of their proceedings is plainly and briefly given by a correspondent to the Van Buren Times: "On last Friday night three men disguised in the garb of ku-klux—that is, striped suits, with skull and cross-bone on the right breast and a hand on the left; tall sharp crowned caps and false faces; each with a pistol and a black hickory switch about four feet long—went to the house of Joseph Carpenter and asked his wife where he was. She told them he had gone to the western part of the county; and, after making a few threats, and saying they had 'been sent from Shiloh to straighten out that part of the county,' they left and went to John Long's; went into the house; made him get up out of bed and go out in the yard with them; made some threats toward him, and told him 'they heard at Shiloh what was going on in that part of the county.' They next went to Henry Sneed's; asked for Joe Carpenter; threatened Sneed, and then went to Allen Joplin's; made the old man treat them on green apples; made a young man by the name Neely dance a while, and then left.

"Now, Mr. Editor, I wish to inform those young men, through the Times, that they are well known, and we don't need any help from midnight marauders of Shiloh to 'straighten out' this county. We propose to straighten it out according to the laws of Missouri, backed by pluck and determination, such as they are not used to.

"I would suggest to the law-abiding citizens of this vicinity to keep a double-barrelled shot-gun loaded with buck-shot, and when the ku-klux klan come prowling around, shoot them on the spot, and we will soon exterminate the skulking villains."

Prohibition.

Ed. Register.—By your kind permission, we ask a little space in your excellent paper for an article in which we wish to express our views upon the very important subject of Prohibition. Mr. Editor, we are compelled, from honest convictions, to disagree with you upon this subject; but we feel confident that our disagreement will not lessen our friendships, for we believe that you are not at all tyrannical in your views upon any subject; and it is a conceded fact that the editor of the REGISTER is more liberal and free-hearted than the columns of his paper than most editors. Therefore we hope we will not will not be intruding by opposing the views you take upon a subject so important as that of Prohibition.

Well, to the subject. We believe that we are as jealous of our liberty as any one need be; but let us stop and consider what our liberties are. The ablest writer that ever penned a sentence upon common and fundamental law, informs us that, in a state of nature, man has the liberty to act as he thinks fit, without any restraint or control except by the law of nature; but when he enters society, he gives up a part of his natural liberty—in fact, he is called upon to give up the liberty to do anything that is injurious to the society of which he is a member. This being the case, the question

arises, "Is the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor an injury to the society in which such business is carried on?" To prove that it is, we need only to refer to the torrents of crime and misery that are daily issuing from the fountain-source of Intemperance. But we take it for granted that this fact is universally acknowledged, therefore deem it unnecessary to consider this point any farther. But when we examine the matter and find that we are socially, morally and politically burdened by the evil of Intemperance, the question presents itself in its most complex form, "What shall we do to rid our land of this ravaging foe that is leading so many to ruin and is making such dreadful havoc throughout the length and breadth of our entire State?" The answer must most emphatically be, "Prohibition!"

Our present laws have utterly failed to stop the intemperate use of intoxicating drink or to check its evil influence upon society, and to-day it is crumbling the very foundation of our civil fabric by wielding a blighting influence at the polls and degrading the social and moral status. Then let us have stringent prohibitory laws rigidly enforced. We believe it is to be the only star of hope that sends a ray of light from the dark horizon of the frowning future.

Again, we are told by the author before referred to, that, in consideration of the liberties given up, we are to receive protection of life and property; and for this purpose laws are enacted among men prohibiting the perpetration of the various crimes known to criminal code. And yet it is thought unreasonable and absurd to ask that a decisive blow be given to the primitive cause of the greater part of these crimes, and the laws of the State would still be left to foster an evil in the bosom of the Commonwealth that is lengthening our criminal dockets, filling our penitentiaries, poor-houses and insane asylums at a heavy cost to the community, and all because it cramps the liberty of those who choose to render themselves a curse to society by destroying the peace, happiness and lives of its members by dealing out to them poison and damnation at the price of their families' only means of support.

The friends of Prohibition only ask that the matter be brought before the people of the State, that they may have a chance to exercise their rights as citizens by either adopting or rejecting the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which will permit the Legislature to pass a prohibitory law. Let the "voice of the people be the supreme law of the land;" and if that voice be in favor of Prohibition, let us have it; if not, then we are not "too good to live in this world with its sinners"—for we say, "Let the majority rule!" And when that majority says we will continue to sell liquor in Missouri, then it is our duty to abide by that decision; or, if we do not wish to do that, we are at liberty to go where a majority says we will have Prohibition.

Many of the liquor dealers and gamblers of Kansas took advantage of this liberty to make their homes in Missouri and elsewhere, when Prohibition went into force in that State; hence our State is becoming an asylum for the intemperate class of those States that have the prohibitory law. Crime is therefore diminished in one and increased in the other. This will appear from an examination of the statistics of Maine and California. There is in the State prisons of Maine only one to 9,200, while in the prisons of California there is one to every 600 persons.

The policemen of Topeka, Kansas, say: "Since the saloons have closed we have absolutely nothing to do." Then why should we fear to try Prohibition? Are we so corrupt that we have no political hope save in the liquor traffic? Then, for God's sake, let our political coffins be closed over us!

H. C. T.

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[To the Representatives in the Thirty-second General Assembly from Southeast Missouri, this is respectfully dedicated.]
The Assembly assembled, numbered Thirty and Two—
The members good boys, faithful and true.
On some of these boys a story I'll tell,
And if it's never repeated, all will be well.

Insisting on all that is sacred and holy,
Iron county sends hither Thomas G. Foley;
Madison, to find she can't any
Better material than Josiah M. Anthony.

The boys in Wayne indulged in a spree—
Cause and effect: we have George T. Lee.
Butler—but now comes the rub—
Honored herself by sending us Tubbs.

Ripley sends one who never gets tighter
At home or abroad, than William H. Righter;
And Oregon, too, certainly has well
Done her duty by sending us Braswell.

But from Reynolds comes not a bit good,
And they call him "down thar," Chitwood.
From smiling valleys, the hills and the vale,
Carter sends to us Abe Martindale.

The daddy of the House, however, by Jingo!
Comes from Salem in Dent, and is called
Wingo;
And from Bollinger, the joyous home of the
"skylark,"

Comes that rosy-cheeked laddie, Moses Whybork.
Cape Girardeau, with her ponderous paw,
Sends that jolly good fellow, Whitelaw;
And Perry—but now prepare to pucker—
Sends us the adroit and accomplished Tucker.

Dunklin—well, he'll never fail her—
Sends that sound old granger, Taylor;
And St. Francois, merely as a starter,
Sends us useful, working Marion Carter.

Mississippi, properly desiring to stand forth
In all her regal splendor, sends her Danforth;
And Jefferson, where they buy it by the gal-
lon,

Sends that experienced statesman, John O'Fallon.
And you ask (but it don't matter, son,)
Why Ste. Genevieve sent us Patterson.
Stoddard,—the boys will always "stake" her,
Her Representative being called "Misther Spaker."

I hope you will never find a flaw, son,
In New Madrid's true son, Billy Dawson;
And Scott escape the name of "Grunter"
By sending up such men as Hunter.

They'll fire me out, I know; but, ere I go,
I'll say a word for good old Pemiscot:
Carleton, experienced, tried and strong,
Though short in inches, towers above the throng.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 14th, 1883.

Educational Items.

Parents who waste most money on liquor and cigars, make most complaint about the cost of text books.

Parents, do you take one or more good papers for your children to read? If not you need not wonder if they grow up vicious.

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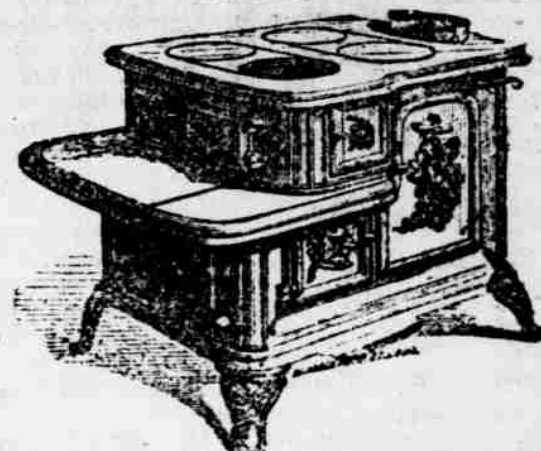
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